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(57) Abstract: The present invention is directed to compounds which contain a five-membered heterocyclic ring fused to a substituted pyridine moiety which inhibit the activity of Akt, a serine/threonine protein kinase. The invention is further directed to chemotherapeutic compositions containing the compounds of this invention and methods for treating cancer comprising administration of the compounds of the invention.